

Need to provide a relief package to address the problems being faced by domestic rubber plantation farmers in Kerala.

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SHRI JOSE K. MANI (KOTTAYAM): India's domestic rubber plantation sector provides livelihood to more than 12 lakh small and marginal plantation farmers and meets, to a large extent, India's demand for natural rubber. Slump in domestic rubber market due to indiscriminate imports has crippled the rubber plantation sector saddled with unsold stocks season after season. With mounting debt burden the farmers are incapable of switching over to alternative crops and have been solely counting upon market intervention by the Government.

It is in the interest of providing a level playing field for the home-grown produce to restrict rubber imports. The Government's apathy towards the well-being of the domestic rubber producers has emboldened the rubber industry to stock up through cheap imports at the cost of a stable domestic market. The Government seems to have no regulatory mechanism to monitor the quantum of imports much beyond the estimated gap in supply and demand, emboldening the rubber industry to build up inventories far above the projected requirements.

Adhocism has debilitated the domestic plantation sector with a moribund Rubber Board waiting to be resurrected to the status enjoyed by other commodity boards. What is urgently needed is the infusion of at least Rs. 500 crores to the Price Stabilization Fund for plantation crops to supplement the efforts of the State Government.

Hence, I call upon the Centre to provide relief package to the plantation farmers of Kerala.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE (GULBARGA): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I want to make a submission for two minutes.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Not two minutes, you say it in one minute only.

श्री मल्लिकार्जुन खर्गे : अरुणाचल प्रदेश में कांस्टीट्यूशनल क्राइसिस हो गया है, ... (व्यवधान)

The Congress Party has got two-thirds majority there and 47 MLAs belong to the Congress Party. The Central Government is instigating *** to divide the Ruling Party there. ... (Interruptions)

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, the Governor's name will not go on record.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE: Sir, this is a new development. They have conducted the Assembly sitting outside the Assembly Hall. They have conducted it in a Community Hall. They have removed the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker has presided over the sitting. ... (Interruptions)

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: This is a State Subject. Please conclude.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE: Where is democracy? *â€* ***

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: No, such things will not go on record.

... (Interruptions) *â€* ***

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE: Sir, if you allow, the Government itself participates in the division... (Interruptions) In the morning also, I requested ... (Interruptions)

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Conduct of a Governor cannot be discussed here. Regarding the Governor, whatever he said, cannot go in the records.

... (Interruptions) *â€* ***

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE: Unfortunately the Speaker did not allow me. This is very bad. Sir, you allow me. At least, I will put forward certain things. *â€* (Interruptions)

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Already you have said about that.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE: This is a new development. *Hangama* is going on. Tear gases are being thrown. So, this is very important. If the Government behaves like this, dividing the people and defecting people from the Congress, they want to instal BJP Government with the help of others. ... (Interruptions)

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is enough.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE: This is very bad, undemocratic, unconstitutional ... (Interruptions)

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I have already allowed you.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE: I will tell you. You show me. You are also a very senior leader. You are a senior leader ... (Interruptions) Can a

Governor interfere in the internal matter of the Government without consulting the Government?...(*Interruptions*)

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Whatever is said about the Governor cannot go on record. I would not allow it.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE: Without consulting the Cabinet, they are doing it. We do not want to participate; we will boycott the proceedings for the whole day.â€¦! (*Interruptions*)

14.12 hours

*(At this stage, Shri Mallikarjun Kharge and
some other hon. Members left the House.)*

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